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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 18, 2006, the period of response for which runs through August 18, 2006, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begins on page 9 of this paper.